



## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
William D. Griffith

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Sir:

I, Timothy R. Kain, hereby declare:

1. I have been employed by Monsanto Company as a Research Assistant from 1995 to 1997 and since 1997, as Patent Scientist, having as my primary responsibility the collection and control of information for the legal protection of Monsanto Company proprietary inbreds and hybrids.

2. That the following material referred to in the specification of the above-referenced application has been deposited with a depository meeting Budapest Treaty requirements:

TAXONOMIC DESCRIPTION

ATCC DEPOSIT NUMBER

2500 seeds of Zea mays – Corn Variety LH321

PTA-7947

3. I affirm that should the seed deposit become nonviable or be inadvertently destroyed, I will replace such seed for at least 30 years from the date of the original deposit, or at least 5 years from the date of the most recent request for release of a sample or for the effective life of any patent issued on the above-mentioned application, whichever period is longer.

4. That with respect to availability of the seed, I affirm that the deposit will be made under conditions of assurance of:

- (a) ready accessibility thereto by the public if a patent is granted, whereby all restrictions to the availability to the public of the seed so deposited will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the patent; and
- (b) access to the seed will be available during pendency of the patent application to one determined by the Commissioner to be entitled thereto under 37 C.F.R. § 1.14 and 35 U.S.C. § 122. Evidence of the accessibility of the seed as set forth above is provided in the form of the attached copy of the contract with the above mentioned depository with respect to the deposited seed.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: November 13, 2006

  
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To: (Name and Address of Depositor or Attorney)

Monsanto Company  
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Deposited on Behalf of: Monsanto Technology L.L.C.

Identification Reference by Depositor:

Patent Deposit Designation

Inbred corn seed Zea mays: LH321

PTA-7947

The seeds were accompanied by: ☒ a scientific description ☐ a proposed taxonomic description indicated above. The seeds were received October 23, 2006 by this International Depository Authority and have been accepted.

AT YOUR REQUEST: ☒ We will inform you of requests for the seeds for 30 years.

The seeds will be made available if a patent office signatory to the Budapest Treaty certifies one's right to receive, or if a U.S. Patent is issued citing the seeds and ATCC is instructed by the United States Patent & Trademark Office or the depositor to release said seeds.

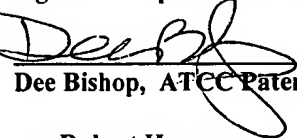
If the seeds should die or be destroyed during the effective term of the deposit, it shall be your responsibility to replace them with viable seeds of the same.

The seeds will be maintained for a period of at least 30 years from date of deposit, or five years after the most recent request for a sample, whichever is longer. The United States and many other countries are signatory to the Budapest Treaty.

The viability of the seeds cited above was tested November 6, 2006. On that date, the seeds were viable.

International Depository Authority: American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA 20110-2209 USA.

Signature of person having authority to represent ATCC:



Dee Bishop, ATCC Patent Depository

Date: November 7, 2006

cc: Robert Hanson

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